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Mr. Frank Shakespeare
Chairman
Board for International Broadcasting
Washington, D. C.

Dear Frank,

I attach a letter and accompanying documents which I received from [redacted] in Munich, outlining an interesting proposal to establish within Radio Liberty a center for Soviet Central Asian and Turkic studies.

While I agree with [redacted] the importance of such a center, I believe you should be aware of a separate but related activity being undertaken by the Department of State. It would appear to me that perhaps these two separate proposals could be combined or at least related in such a fashion that duplication and costs could be reduced and the particular qualifications of each potential contributor utilized. As we understand it, State/INR is currently organizing an inter-departmental Soviet Nationalities Studies Program which features Central Asian subjects. The action officer for this program is Mr. Alvin Kapusta of State/INR/SEE.

Although we would plan to participate in and/or take advantage of the INR program and, to the extent this should prove proper and legal, possibly the proposed RL program, I believe that this matter should be pursued by you and your Board in direct consultation with the Department of State.

Sincerely,

/s/ Bill

William J. Casey
Director of Central Intelligence

Attachment:

Letter dated 21 March from
[redacted] attaching
program proposal

